

# The Promise (full band) (1978)

## Bruce Springsteen

Johnny works in a factory  
Billy works downtown  
Terry works in a rock and roll band  
Looking for that million dollar sound I got a job down in Darlington  
Some nights I don't go  
Some nights I go to the drive-in  
Some nights I stay home I followed that dream  
Just like those guys do way up on the screen  
Drove my Challenger down Route 9  
Through the dead ends and all the bad scenes  
The promise was broken  
Cashed in a few of my dreams Well I built that Challenger by myself  
But I needed money and so I sold it  
Lived a secret I should've kept to myself  
But I got drunk one night and I told it All my life, I fought that fight  
The fight that you can't win  
Every day it just gets harder to live  
The dream you're believing in Thunder Road, baby, you were so right  
Thunder Road, something dying down on the highway tonight Well I won big once and I hit the coast  
Yeah, but I paid the cost  
Inside I felt like I was carrying the broken spirits  
Of all the other ones who lost The promise is broken, you go on living  
It steals something from down in your soul  
When the truth is spoken, it don't make no difference  
Something in your heart goes cold I followed that dream through the southwestern tracks  
That dead ends in the two-bit bars  
The promise was broken, I was far away from home  
Sleeping in the back seat of a borrowed car Thunder Road is for the lost lovers and all the fixed games  
Thunder Road is for the tires rushing by in the rain  
Thunder Road me and Billy we'd always sing  
Thunder Road, take it all and throw it all away

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